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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 25, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. PUE010512

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
d/b/a DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER,
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, AND U.S.
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,

Respondents.

For a Petition for Declaratory
Judgment and Motion for Injunction

ORDER EXTENDING TIME
FOR FILING OF COMMENTS

On March 20, 2002, Deborah V. Ellenberg, Chief Hearing Examiner, entered her Report in the captioned proceeding. Among other things, that Report provided that the parties could file comments to the Report within seven (7) business days of its date, or by March 29, 2002.

On March 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "Company") filed a "Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments" ("Motion"). In its Motion, the Company noted that March 29, 2002, was Good Friday, a significant religious day, and that due to prior obligations, Company's

counsel would be out of town for a portion of the comment period. Virginia Power requested an extension until April 3, 2002, in which to file its comments and exceptions. Virginia Power indicated that neither counsel for the Staff nor the Smithsonian Institution opposed its requested extension. The Company noted that although it had contacted counsel for all parties, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative ("NOVEC") and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative ("ODEC") had not indicated whether they opposed the requested extension. The Company averred that if all parties were granted an extension of time in which to file comments, no party would be prejudiced if the Motion was granted.

NOW, UPON CONSIDERATION of Virginia Power's request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that good cause having been shown, the March 22, 2002, "Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments" should be granted, and that the time in which comments to the March 20, 2002, Report may be filed with the Clerk of the Commission should be extended to April 3, 2002.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The March 22, 2002, Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments is hereby granted.

(2) The time in which all parties may file comments with the Clerk of the Commission in response to the March 20, 2002,

Report of Deborah V. Ellenberg, Chief Hearing Examiner, shall be extended to April 3, 2002.

(3) This matter shall be continued, pending further Order of the Commission.